

PUSHING WORK ON TROLLEY LINE

Two Hundred Laborers Engaged in Grading.

FOR THE GREAT FALLS CO.

Contractor Oliver Must Complete His Portion of Undertaking by Next June.

There are about 200 laborers at present engaged in grading the line of the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad Company. About 100 mules, operating fifty or sixty wheel scoops are also engaged in the work.

The first camp of the men has been established about one mile from the Aqueduct bridge, and the second camp is about five miles from that point. A third is to be established midway. The contractor engaged on the work intends to operate on every mile of the seven, for which he has the contract, as soon as the condition of the ground permits.

Contractor of Experience.

W. J. Oliver, the contractor, has had much experience in such work, having laid the double tracks on the Southern steam railroad system, and controlling other large tracts of this character. The masonry for the bridge crossing Falls Church Road is already being constructed, and all other masonry to constitute part of this work is under construction. The specifications for the road's construction call for more bridges or stone foundations wherever required. Contracts for poles and cross-ties have already been made, as well as the contract for blasting. The road will be blasted with crushed stone. The best material procurable will be used.

Awaits Engineers.

The work of the second seven-mile section to the Old Dominion Line will begin in about six weeks, or as soon as the engineers complete their maps.

Mr. Oliver's contract calls for the completion of his portion of the work by June. The first seven-mile section of the line, now being worked on, ends at the road leading from Lewinsville to Langley, Fairfax county, Va. It is agreed that the Great Falls Road will pass through a more thickly populated country, and a better agricultural and residential section than any other suburban road in the vicinity of Washington.

NO CONNOISSEUR OF CIGARS.

A penalty of \$2 fine or 10 days in jail was imposed by Judge Scott in the Police Court yesterday upon Henry Wright, twenty-four years old, for larceny of a box of cigars, valued at \$5 cents, belonging to Bernard Liebman, of 18 D Street northwest.

Good Roads Promoters Cite Strong Precedent

If Federal Aid Is Given to Education, Why Should Similar Plan for Highway Improvement Be Called Unconstitutional?

The advocates of Government aid in building and improving the roads are actively engaged in hunting up precedents. The latest thing in this line is Government aid to education. They call attention to the fact that, in our earlier history, large gifts of public lands were made to the States to be used in support of the public schools.

In 1862 the Morrill act was passed by Congress, making large grants of public lands to all the States, the income from which was to be used in the maintenance of agricultural colleges. In 1890 the second Morrill law was enacted, making a national appropriation of \$15,000 to each State to be used in supporting these agricultural colleges. This annual appropriation has been increased from year to year until it is now \$3,000 for each State. This direct appropriation, added to the income which all the States derive from the land grants of 1862, makes an aggregate of nearly \$2,000,000 a year which the States now receive as national aid to agricultural education.

Involves Co-operation.

One interesting feature of this Government aid scheme is that it involves co-operation between the nation and the States, somewhat similar to that now proposed in the Brownlow-Lattimer road bill. The Government appropriations and the land-grant funds must be used only in maintaining the colleges.

DENTAL ASSOCIATION ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

Dr. Charles L. Alexander, of Charlotte, N. C., Chosen President.

Officers of the southern branch of the National Dental Association were elected at the closing session of the convention at the New Willard, as follows:

Dr. Charles L. Alexander, of Charlotte, N. C., president; to succeed Dr. George S. Vann, of Gadsden, Ala.; first vice president, Dr. W. G. Mason, of Tampa, Fla.; second vice president, Dr. L. P. Dotterer, of Charleston, S. C.; third vice president, Dr. N. N. Vann, of Atlanta, Ala.; corresponding secretary, Dr. J. A. Gorman, of Asheville, N. C.; recording secretary, Dr. J. C. Cressland, of Montgomery, Ala.; treasurer, B. D. Brabson, of Knoxville, Tenn.; re-elected, Dr. A. R. Melendy, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Dr. B. Holly Smith, of Baltimore, were selected as members of the executive committee. The report of the executive committee was read in the afternoon, showing that \$500 remained in the treasury of the association. Recommendation was made that \$250 be added to \$250 appropriated toward the expenses of the international dental congress.

not in establishing them. The States must provide the buildings and equipment. Most of the States also put up part of the funds used in paying the current expenses.

In addition to all this, Congress, in 1887, passed the Hatch act, making a gift of \$15,000 annually to each State, to aid it in supporting a State experiment station, and in this is another example of the same kind of co-operation. The States now receive from the Government for the support of these stations nearly \$800,000 annually. This, added to the Government aid which the colleges enjoy, makes a grand total of more than \$2,700,000 annually.

Why Not for Roads?

The good roads people are asking why their plan for national aid to road improvement should be branded as unconstitutional and paternalistic, while Government aid to education is a well established feature of our national policy. They point out that, while the Constitution expressly empowers Congress to "establish postroads," it is silent on the matter of education. They also claim that agricultural education is something which the States could handle far more easily than the improvement of the roads.

On the whole, it looks as if Federal aid to education will serve as a strong precedent for Federal aid to road improvement.

PRESENTS WATER PITCHER TO LIEUTENANT KENNEY

Parting from the Police Department with which he was connected for about fifteen years, with an enviable record for bravery and fearlessness, together with the best and most sincere wishes of all of the members of the local force, Lieut. John Kenney, of the Tenth precinct, resigned, was presented with a handsome silver water pitcher by Major Sylvester at Police Headquarters yesterday afternoon.

The pitcher was a present from the captains and other officers at headquarters. The lieutenants and captains from all of the precincts were in Major Sylvester's room at the time of the presentation.

WILL DEDICATE LAND.

The District Commissioners have written the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia saying Congressional action will not be necessary in the matter of extending Eighth Street northeast, as the land owners along the line of the proposed extension have agreed to dedicate the land necessary for the improvement.

"FROM LOG CABIN TO WHITE HOUSE"

Picture to Be Placed in City Schoolrooms.

BY BURNSIDE POST, NO. 8

Movement Has Received the Hearty Cooperation of the Board of Education.

Co-operation of the Board of Education has been obtained by Burnside Post No. 8, of the Grand Army of the Republic, in a movement to provide every schoolroom in the District with a copy of the celebrated Lincoln picture, "From Log Cabin to White House." The picture also contains a reproduction of Lincoln's address at Gettysburg, written in his own handwriting.

Hundreds of the pictures are to be framed and distributed among the local schools as soon as sufficient money has been raised to meet the expense. For this purpose the post has already given two entertainments, and another is to be held on April 15. More than half the amount required for the project has thus been obtained and those interested in the proposition anticipate little trouble in completing the fund.

How Project Started.

The movement was started by George S. Benson, a prominent member of the post, and the idea at once met with support among his comrades. That the plan has received the approval of the Board of Education is indicated by the following extract from a letter written by Gen. H. V. Boynton, president of the Board, to the members of the post:

"The object of the post is one that should commend itself to all interested in directing the attention of the young to patriotic subjects."

The first entertainment was held at Hamline Methodist Episcopal Church on Lincoln's Birthday. The speaker of the occasion was Gen. James H. O'Brien, provost marshal in Washington in 1865, and the only surviving official present at Lincoln's deathbed. The address was "Lincoln and His People." Prof. Jasper Dean McPaul sang Lincoln's deathbed words, "Oh, Why Should the Spirit of Mortal Be Proud?"

On Washington's Birthday.

The second entertainment was held at the First Congregational Church, on the evening of Washington's Birthday. The principal address was delivered by Gen. George B. Lord, of New York, and a few remarks were made by Representative Joseph A. Goulden of New York. Others who took part in the exercises were Major John Tweedale and Prof. McPaul.

A detachment of the Washington Minute Men, in Continental uniform, was in attendance, representing Washington and his staff. Music was furnished by the Marine Band.

Members of the Burnside Post hope to carry out the project some time before the schools close for the summer. The pictures have already been purchased and will be framed and distributed as soon as the necessary funds are raised.

CZAR AND MIKADO ONCE WERE FRIENDS

Brought Together Years Ago Under Dramatic Circumstances—Strong Ties Broken.

Though the great empires ruled over by Czar Nicholas II of Russia and Emperor Meiji of Japan have entered upon a bitter war, these men were once brought together under circumstances that seemed likely to make them lifelong friends.

When the present Czar Nicholas was a child, he was visited by the great Mikado, the "Imperial Invincibility" in person, and the Mikado, standing before the pale, recumbent youth, made him a personal apology for the harm he had suffered at a Japanese subject's hands. Thereafter the Mikado and the young czar were close friends.

Fears for Safety of Prince.

Japan, at the time, had just emerged from a revolution. Previous to the visit of the czar, the Czar had sent word to the Mikado that he feared for his son's safety on account of the turbulence that still prevailed here and there. The Mikado had answered with this message:

"The czarvitch will be safe in Japan. I, personally, will be responsible for his safety. His person shall be as sacred as my own. I will answer for his welfare with my honor."

Accordingly the czarvitch's tour was allowed to proceed. Nicholas came to Japan, and almost ludicrous in their exaggerated thoroughness were the means that were employed there to guard him. His food was tasted by tasters; three attendants watched his bedroom from

without and two stood at his bedside while he slept; whenever he journeyed, an advance guard preceded him to clear the way; he was encircled, when he was out, by a body of from 50 to 150 of the government police.

Stabbed by Bodyguard.

Nevertheless, the young man was stabbed—stabbed by a member of his own bodyguard. A fanatical Japanese policeman, drawing his short sword suddenly, wounded the czarvitch before anyone could intervene. A great tumult at once ensued. The bleeding czarvitch was hurried aboard his warship. The Russian sailors were armed and the warship was put in battle array.

And to this grim, hostile ship the great Mikado, the Meiji Tanno, the Imperial Invincibility, the 123d lineal descendant of the Emperor Jimmu, who mounted the throne in 660 B. C.—to this frowning Matsuhito in person hurried. In his royal robes of red and white he entered the czarvitch's stateroom. He bowed low before the youth lying bandaged on the bed.

Apology of the Mikado.

Amid the rustling of the silks of Japanese nobles and amid the clinking of the accoutrements of Russian captains, the Mikado apologized with profound humility to the czarvitch for the evil that had been done him by a subject of Japan.

It is not strange that this dramatic episode should have woven a friendship of great strength between the Mikado and the young man who is now the Czar. The friendship of these two exalted personages began in blood. It now seems likely to end in a bloody war.

IRATE HUSBAND BEATS HIS WIFE'S TRADUCER

Because he is alleged to have insulted a woman in Ivy City, a north-east, was severely beaten about the head and face by a woman yesterday.

Mrs. [redacted] to whom [redacted] is said to have made remarks to which exception was taken, reported the affair to her husband yesterday at dinner. After the evening meal [redacted] went to [redacted] house and within a few moments after meeting him he announced his intention of thrashing him.

[redacted] defended himself as best he could, but [redacted] proved the better man, and [redacted] face was badly cut and bruised.

The police responded to the cries for help, but when they arrived [redacted] refused to prosecute [redacted] and [redacted] did not wish to push charges against [redacted]

FAVORS APPROPRIATION FOR N. Y. POSTOFFICE SITE

Favorable report has been made by the Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds on the amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill proposed by Senator Platt, appropriating \$2,000,000 for the acquisition of a site for a postoffice building in New York city on the Pennsylvania Railroad's property at Thirty-first Street and Eighth Avenue.

This is proposed as the uptown post-office site, the building to be erected over the Pennsylvania Railroad station, which will be underground.

HIS ARM BROKEN.

As a result of slipping on the pavement near Sixth and L Streets yesterday morning Frank Gilbert, a negro, fifty-six years old, fell and broke his right arm. He had the fracture reduced at the Homeopathic Hospital.

SOFT COAL MINERS THREATEN STRIKE

Indianapolis Convention to Settle Question.

OPERATORS TO FIGHT UNION

Little Hope of Compromise Over the Proposed 11 Per Cent Reduction in Wages.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 27.—The Newspaper Enterprise Association gave out the following today:

"Miners and operators are gathering at Indianapolis for a joint conference, which will begin on Monday, and will end inevitably in a strike involving 145,000 soft coal men, and affecting commerce all over the country. 'John Mitchell and his aides, cool, calculating, conservative, are saying little. But every delegate of the 465 has been instructed to refuse to accept a reduction. 'The 230 operator delegates have iron-clad instructions to demand a reduction of 10 cents a ton, or about 11 per cent. William B. Wilson, national secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, in the absence of Mitchell, said:

"Our present scale holds good until April 1. It terminates arbitrarily that day. Unless a new one is signed before that day the men will go out. There is no other alternative."

Senator Hanna Missed.

"If Senator Hanna had lived there would have been no strike," said T. J. Lewis, national vice president. "His influence would have been powerful enough to force the operators to listen to reason."

"We believe we have a chance to break the power of the union," said one operator, "and now is the time to do it. The mine operators and owners demanded, first, a reduction of 15 per cent. The conference of January 22 rejected it, and then the compromise of 11 per cent was named. The operators declared this was an ultimatum. Mitchell, Lewis and Wilson adjourned the conference for a month, so that the delegates might get instructions from their locals. The locals flatly refused to consider a reduction, and the delegates will meet on February 23 in a deadlock."

"The conference opens Monday. It will last three days at least, and unless the operators give in, which they declare they will never do, there will be a strike declared April 1."

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

The District Commissioners have accepted the resignation of Private M. G. O'Brien, of the Metropolitan police force to take effect on the 29th instant.

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of the average Credit House are eliminated from our method of conducting business. When buying of us there is nothing whatever that is the least embarrassing or objectionable. All that is necessary is to say, "I want it charged," and arrange the payment as you please. Our rapid growth in these few years is evidence that we are conducting our business on a liberal, up-to-date plan, and is proof that our patrons get good value at a fair price. May we have the pleasure of your acquaintance?

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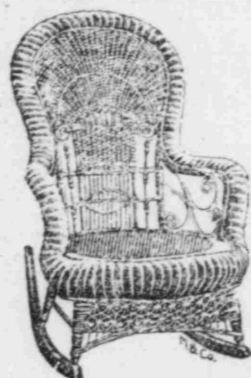
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100 Fine All-Wool Suits

medium or heavy weight, in Cassimere, Worsted and Cheviot. To close out we are offering these \$10, \$12, and \$15 values for

\$4.75



A pretty full roll Reed Rocker, well made and finished; worth \$3. Special.

\$1.95

A very handsome Reed Rocker, continuous full roll, like cut, finely finished and nicely made; a \$6 value—

\$4.45



This solid oak Morris Chair, nicely finished and well made, with pretty velvet cushions; A \$6.50 value—

\$4.45

We Are Showing Our Spring Line of Mattings

May we have the pleasure of your inspection?



A very handsome, heavy twisted leg Dining-room Table, similar to cut, six feet long, well made and highly polished; worth \$12. Special.

\$8.25



A full quarter oak China Closet, highly polished, round ends and finely made; a \$28 value. Special.

\$18.75

A handsome quarter oak China Closet, bent front and ends, handsomely carved, highly polished, and fine construction—

\$38.75

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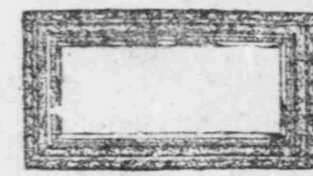
Reclining Carts—

\$5.75 to \$45



A handsome Oak Desk, quartered oak front, highly polished, nicely pigeon-holed, and well made; a \$7 value—

\$4.45



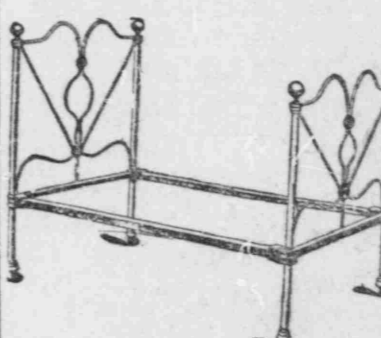
This handsome Gold Frame Mirror, 18x40, beveled French plate glass; a \$10 value—

\$6.95



A solid oak Princess Dresser, well front, large bevel French plate mirror, highly polished, and well made. Special.

\$16.75



A very neat, substantially made white enamel iron bed; worth \$3. Special.

\$1.95

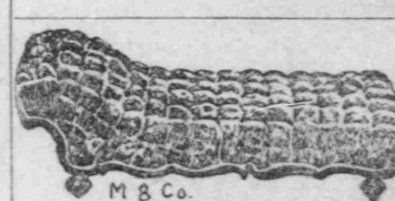


A pretty solid oak Bedroom suite, well top drawers, large bevel plate glass, large dresser, and washstand, well made and polished—

\$18.75

A fine full quarter sawed oak Bedroom Suite, extra large French plate glass, well front, fine construction and highly polished; a \$45 value. Special.

\$31.95



This pretty full spring edge Couch, five rows tufting, upholstered in pretty velvet, and is well made—

\$8.45

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